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REMARKS <u>This is UNEVALUATED</u>		

1. Between 12 and 17 June 1954, the Ruinenberg Kaserne in Potsdam only quartered about 300 KVPs who wore crimson and blue service color. A KVP tent camp of 80 to 100 x 10-man tents had been erected on the bank of Lake Templin between Luftschiffhafen and Altgeltow. On various days, personnel of this camp were seen crossing the lake in pneumatic boats. Some of these boats were occupied by 20 men who wore blue or crimson service color. Some of the boats carried 1 x 57-mm AT gun and 6 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets. On 19 June, the troops had returned to the Ruinenberg Kaserne and the camp had been dismantled. On 17 June, the Ruinenberg Kaserne again quartered about 1,200 men. On 21 June, 6 model SU-85 SP guns which came from the direction of Bornstedter Feld entered the installation. On 26 June, one company whose soldiers wore crimson service color, practiced marching in the billeting area, 1 company of soldiers with blue service color was engaged in aiming practices, and a third company of soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets was being trained on three 57-mm AT guns.¹

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2. On 12 June, one company of soldiers who wore blue service color and another company of soldiers who wore crimson service color left the General Wever Kaserne in Potsdam-Eiche toward the target ranges on Marquardter Chaussee.

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3. On 29 June, soldiers quartered at General Wever Kaserne held an exercise which lasted from 0700 to 1030. One infantry company and one AT company were observed leaving the installation toward the Katharinennolz woods northwest of Potsdam.

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4. Between 12 and 30 June, the Garde du Corps Kaserne quartered about 100 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Service-of-the-piece drill was observed in the billeting area. The unit quartered at the installation had come from Hirschmooser. Soldiers who wore crimson and blue epaulets were seen in the section of the installation bordering

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on Behlert Strasse.²

5. On 23 June, the officer candidates quartered in the former Leibgarde Husaren Kaserne in Potsdam held a night exercise which was concluded with an advanced combat practice firing. This exercise was designed to complete the training of 30 to 100 officer candidates. On 28 June, two platoons were given infantry training in the billeting area. From the performance seen it was believed that the soldiers involved had newly arrived.³
6. A KVP officer stated that the KVP school located at Oranienburg Castle was scheduled to move to the Baltic Sea for a period of four weeks on 5 July 1954.⁴
7. In June, the unit stationed at the former Sachsenhausen concentration camp at Oranienburg received an estimated 400 recruits. Almost daily groups of 15 to 20 civilians who carried luggage were seen walking from Oranienburg railroad station to the KVP installation. Most of these civilians were from 18 to 22 years old and spoke Saxon dialect.⁵
8. On 21 June, six new T-34 tanks arrived at the installation. Armored vehicles seen almost daily included 3 or 4 T-34 tanks, engaged in driving practices in the tank training area; 5 armored scout cars in the area near Lake Grabow; 3 T-34 tanks and 3 armored scout cars in the area near the Lehnitz Lock; 3 to 6 T-34 tanks in the billeting area.
1. Comment 18. The observations made by source indicate that the bulk of the 2d Mech Regt was trained in river crossing operations on Lake Tappeln and the Havel River.
2. Comment 19. The transfer of the Kirchmooser AAA regiment to the Garde di Corps Kaserne in Potsdam has been reported.
3. Comment 20. New officer candidates possibly arrived at this KVP motor transport school in late June 1954.
4. Comment 21. The AAA school of the KVP possibly moved to the AAA range near Zingst for firing practices.
5. Comment 22. The present report indicates that in June 1954 more recruits arrived at the installation than in the previous months.

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